



Airport's Acoustical Treatment Program Completes 1,000th Home

FAA program assists in making homes around airport quieter

OCTOBER 8, 2012-San Antonio, TX-- San Antonio International Airport, along with contractor THC Inc., celebrated a major milestone today with a ceremonial ribbon-cutting ceremony recognizing the completion of the 1,000th home under the Airport's FAA-supported Residential Acoustical Treatment Program (RATP). Launched in 2006, the program provides acoustical improvements to eligible homes near the airport.

The treatment includes a variety of noise-mitigating measures, including window and door installations, as well as added insulation. The result is a drop in noise level of at least 5 decibels, comparable to doubling the distance of the aircraft flying overhead.

"We continuously focus on the importance of providing exceptional customer service to our passengers," said Frank R. Miller, San Antonio Aviation Director. "Our central location and convenience is certainly a benefit to San Antonio's residents and visitors. With no cost to the homeowners or the local taxpayers, this program helps the airport be a good neighbor while maintaining a high level of service to our customers."

The FAA provides 80% of the necessary funding, while the remaining 20% is provided through the use of airport-generated funds. No San Antonio tax dollars are used in the funding of this program.

The FAA determines eligibility of homes which qualify for the program by using an approved DNL (Day-Night Average Sound Level) Noise Exposure Contour Map (NEM). This contour map represents the projection of an airport's yearly noise average using aircraft fleet mix, hourly operations, and arrival and departure flight tracking data. In addition:

- Home built prior to 1998
- Home must be located within the most affected areas and within the current FAA approved Noise Exposure Map

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